

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Lifeng ZHANG	)	
		)	Group Art Unit: 1623
Serial No.:	10/677,436	)	
		)	Examiner:
Filed:	October 2, 2003	)	MAIER, Leigh C.
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For:	METHOD FOR IMPROVING VISCOSITY OF THICKENERS FOR AQUEOUS SYSTEMS	)	Confirmation No.: 9011

**VIA EFS**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Examiner:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 6, 2009.  
A Request for an extension of time of one month has been previously submitted by EFS.

Please amend the Application as follows: